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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SPECIAL IATF TEAM

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1. A SPECIAL TEAM FROM THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IS VISITING VARIOUS MISSIONS IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA TO DISCUSS WITH U.S. MISSION REPRESENTATIVES THE BROADENED PAROLE CRITERIA FOR SELF-EVACUATED REFUGEES AND THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THOSE REFUGEES. THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE: MR. CLAY MCMANAWAY, EXECUTIVE LEVEL FIVE, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES; MR. SOLOMON ISENSTEIN, ACTING ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER, EXAMINATIONS, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE; AND MR. ANDREW ANTIPPAS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR IATF FOR INTERNATIONAL RESETTLEMENT.

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2. THE TEAM IS PROCEEDING TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

(A) HONG KONG, ARRIVING JULY 23, 2125 HRS., DEPARTING JULY 27, 2300 HRS. TEAM DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE MET, BUT REQUESTS THAT MISSION LEAVE NAME OF CONTACT OFFICER WITH PAN AM COUNTER. TEAM HAS REQUESTED ROOMS AT AUGUST MOON HOTEL. TEAM DESIRES TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES IN HONG KONG WITH MISSION REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HKG IF APPROPRIATE AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT A CAMP.

(B) BANGKOK, ARRIVING JULY 28, 0045 HRS., PA 1, DEPARTING JULY 30, 1245 HRS. TEAM HAS REQUESTED ROOMS AT ORIENTAL HOTEL. CONTACTS WILL BE LEFT TO THE MISSION'S DISCRETION. HOWEVER, IF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNHCR ARE PRESENT IN BANGKOK, TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THEM. TEAM ALSO DESIRES TO VISIT SEVERAL CAMPS, PARTICULARLY UTAPAO AND SATTAHIP, AND ARANYAPRATET AND KLONGYAI IF POSSIBLE.

(C) KUALA LUMPUR, ARRIVING JULY 30, 1505, MH 832, DEPARTING AUGUST 1, 1245 HRS., TEAM HAS REQUESTED ROOMS AT MERLIN HOTEL. TEAM DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE TIME TO VISIT PARENTIAN ISLAND, BUT WISHES TO DISCUSS MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES TO U.S. WITH MISSION REPRESENTATIVES. LOCAL CONTACTS WILL BE LEFT TO THE MISSION'S DISCRETION.

(D) SINGAPORE, ARRIVING AUG. 1, 1330 HRS., MH 651, DEPARTING AUG. 3, 1125 HRS., TEAM HAS REQUESTED ROOMS AT RAFFLES HOTEL, TEAM WILL LEAVE PLANNING OF MEETINGS AND VISITS TO THE MISSION.

3. TEAM REQUESTS THAT RESPECTIVE MISSIONS RECONFIRM HOTEL RESERVATIONS. KISSINGER

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